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FRENCH RETAKE FLEURY BY STORM ONLY TO LOSE VILLAGE LATER BEFORE GERMAN DRIVE

CARRANZA WOULD LIMIT POWER OF NEW MEDIATORS

Reply to U. S. Note Accepting His Proposition of Appointing Mediators to Settle Differences Received in Capital.

Wants Only Military Questions Considered By the Conference—Acceptance of His Answer is Yet a Matter of Doubt.

Washington, Aug. 4.—General Carranza's reply to the last American note accepting his suggestion for a joint commission to adjust border differences, but proposing a broader scope of the commission's work, was delivered to the state department today by Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador designate. It announces the appointment of the Mexican commissioners with instructions to "devote their attention preferably to the resolution of the points mentioned in the previous note."

Thus, the defacto government apparently rejects the proposition that the commission consider questions other than the military situation, and limits its discussions to the subjects originally suggested by Carranza—withdrawal of American troops from Mexico; formulation of a protocol to cover future operations against bandits and investigation of interests which may have promoted border raids. Whether this will be satisfactory to the United States government has not been indicated.

The note was in Spanish. When he went to today's cabinet meeting Acting Secretary Polk declined to discuss it until an official translation could be made. If it is accepted the next step will be negotiation between Mr. Polk and Mr. Arredondo to fix the time and place for meetings of the commissioners.

Hope for an early solution of pending difficulties was confidently expressed by Mr. Arredondo after leaving the department. He said he expected to reach an agreement with Mr. Polk by tomorrow as to the date and place of meeting and that thereupon he would wire the Mexican commissioners with the expectation that he would be here in at least 10 days. He said Embassy Park, N. J., or Old Point Comfort, Va., probably would be selected.

The text of the note follows: "Mr. Secretary: I have the honor to transmit to your excellency the following note, which I have just received from my government:

"Mr. Secretary: In due reply to the courteous note of the department of state dated July 28, 1916, I have the honor to say to your excellency that the first chief of the constitutional army, in charge of the executive power of the Mexican republic, congratulates himself upon the laudable efforts of the American government to arrive at a solution of existing difficulties between the two countries, and to that effect, considering it of the greatest importance that a prompt decision be reached of the points which have caused the existing differences between the United States and Mexico, referred to in the note of the Mexican government dated July 4, last, has seen fit to appoint at once a committee of three persons constituted by Licenciado Luis Cabrerera, Engineer Ygnacio Bonillas and Engineer Alberto Pani, to whom instructions have been given to devote their attention preferably to the resolution of the points mentioned in the previous note of this department."

"Licenciado Eliseo Arredondo has been authorized to treat with the department of state the matter of details relating to the place and date in which the commissioners of the Mexican government should meet the commissioners of the government of the United States in order to commence their labors."

"I reiterate to your excellency the assurance of my highest consideration. (Signed) "E. ARREDONDO."

Mexico City, Aug. 4.—The departure from Mexico City for the United States of Luis Cabrerera and Alberto Pani, who with Ygnacio Bonillas, have been selected to reach a settlement with the United States commissioners at issues between the two countries will not be long delayed, according to the general belief here.

THE WEATHER
Mostly fair tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature, general southwest winds.

PICKPOCKETS GOT \$1,000 DECLARES SOUTH END MAN

Police Investigate Story of Complainant, Who Says He Was Robbed in Park.

Victim of two pickpockets who substituted a wad of newspaper clippings for his roll, Henry Petrosareck, of 88 Henry street was relieved this morning of \$1,000 which he had drawn from two different banks about a half hour previous. He breathlessly rushed into police headquarters to relate his story and furnished a good description of the two men who got the money. The police are inclined to believe that the story he told was not all facts and that he is concealing the true version of the swindle from them.

According to Petrosareck, when he recovered his breath and was able to intelligently inform Lieutenant Edward O. Cronan of his loss, he went to the City Savings bank this morning and drew \$500 which he had there and \$500 which was on deposit at the Bridgeport Savings bank. He stated that he was going to buy a lot on North Main street but after drawing the money got on a trolley car and went to Seaside park.

Petrosareck walked along the seawall a short distance and then sat down on a bench. Presently two men, apparently Italians, came along and one of them asked him if he knew of a certain man whose name he mentioned. Petrosareck stated that he was not acquainted with the person in question and then one of the men asked him to change a dollar for him. Of an obliging disposition, Petrosareck consented and took out his money and made the necessary change. He then placed it in his hip pocket. The men sat beside him on the bench and after a short conversation got up and walked towards the Park avenue entrance. Realizing that he was in his pocket, he felt strange, he placed his hand in his pocket and withdrew a bunch of newspaper clippings.

I. B. TRUMBULL LEFT ESTATE OVER \$50,000

Lusitania Victim Had Made No Will—Brother is Administrator.

Isaac B. Trumbull, former president of the Connecticut Electric Co., who was drowned with many other Americans of note when the magnificent steamer Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine, on May 7, left an estate of \$50,000.

The inventory of the estate was filed in the probate court today by Robert R. Adams and William T. Hincks, appraisers. The property in Mill Hill avenue, where the deceased resided, is valued at \$5,000 and there are listed 1,800 shares of the Connecticut Electric Co. stock, valued at \$45,075. In the list are 600 shares of stock in the Trumbull Motor Car Co. on which no value is placed.

Mr. Trumbull left no will. Alexander H. Trumbull, his brother, and the present president of the company, is administrator of the estate. Besides his widow, Bertha, Mr. Trumbull is survived by one daughter, Priscilla.

Veteran Railroad Man Dies at Shore Resort
Stamford, Aug. 4.—Word was received here today of the death of John W. Wardwell, of this city, at Nantasket Beach, near Boston. No details of the manner of the death were given.

Wardwell was a former conductor on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. He entered the service of the road in 1878 as a conductor on the East Canaan branch and later was transferred to the main line. He retired in 1914. He was made president of the Passenger and Station Employees' Mutual Benefit Association on its organization in 1895 and held that office for many years. He was 71 years old and is survived by two sisters here.

TREATY TO SELL ISLES COMPLETED

Pact For Sale of Danish West Indies to United States For \$25,000,000 is Drawn Up and Ratified By Lansing and Minister Brun.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Acting Secretary Polk announced today that the treaty by which the United States is to purchase the Danish West Indies from Denmark for \$25,000,000 was signed at New York this morning by Secretary Lansing and Minister Constantin Brun.

The treaty provides for the transfer to the United States of three islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John, which have been the subject of negotiations between the United States and Denmark for analysis.

It is understood the administration will ask for ratification before the end of the present session and while there may be some objection to the price, no really serious opposition is expected.

Secretary Lansing who has been spending his vacation at Watertown, N. Y., went to New York to meet Minister Brun.

LOSES FOREARM TAKING CHANCE WITH MACHINE

Worker Who Paid No Heed to Safety First Warning Pays Dearly.

Failure to obey the "Safety First" precaution of shutting off the power of a moulding cutting machine while changing the size of the cutter heads at the plant of the Frank Miller Lumber Co. this morning, cost Morris Peparski, 30 years old, of 90 Courtland street his right forearm. It was cut off a short distance below the elbow by the blades, turning at 4,000 revolutions a minute.

Peparski, who had been running the machine in the moulding room of the plant for six months, was loosening a bolt on the machine and did not shut off the power as he had been warned. The bolt did not move and Peparski applied more leverage with the result that it loosened quickly, causing the wrench to slip.

With the sudden lurch forward he put out his hand to save himself, and it was caught between the revolving blades which are arranged four to each cutter head and of which there are several in the machine for different sized grooves. The hand was cut completely in two places and the arm was drawn into the machine. His body resting against the base of the machine prevented the arm being drawn further into the mechanism.

Other workmen feared he would bleed to death, tourniquets were applied and the emergency hospital ambulance corps summoned. Dr. C. C. Taylor removed him to St. Vincent's hospital where the amputation was completed.

Stabbed By Man Whose Wife He Punched in Eye

William Gilbert of 355 Pequonnock street is in a critical condition at St. Vincent's hospital as the result of being stabbed last evening by Veno Catone of 407 Zenham avenue after punching Mrs. Veno in the eye. Catone is charged with assault with intent to kill and his case was continued until Aug. 8 in the city court today. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Three companions of the husband who assisted in beating Gilbert are charged with breach of the peace and their cases also were continued. Bonds were set at \$25 in each case.

HELD FOR SHORT MEASURES.
Greenwich, Aug. 4.—Seven grocers and four dealers in automobile supplies were in town court today charged with giving short weight or short measure. All of the grocers were accused of giving short weight in the sale of butter. The automobile dealers were each fined \$20 for giving short measure in gasoline sales.

EPIDEMIC OF SORE THROAT COST CITY TREMENDOUS SUM

OLIVET PASTOR'S YOUNGER SON IS PLAGUE VICTIM

Child Dies at Former Home of Mother in New York State.

Graham Tamblin, 5 years old, son of Rev. and Mrs. George O. Tamblin of this city, died today at Liberty, N. Y., a victim of the dread poliomyelitis scourge. The little chap, who was widely known and loved by the parishioners of the Olivet Congregational church of which his father is pastor, had been ill but four days. He is the youngest son of the pastor. Liberty is in Sullivan county, New York. It is the former home of Mrs. Tamblin and is widely known as a summer resort for New Yorkers. Mrs. Tamblin with her two sons, George and Graham, have been there since July 1. Rev. Mr. Tamblin joined them there Tuesday.

Much to his dismay on his arrival he found his younger son ill with the dread disease. The news of the death of the boy was conveyed in a telegram from Rev. Mr. Tamblin today to Howard Spear, of the Hincks Bros. Co. and one of the trustees of Olivet church. No arrangements for the funeral have yet been made.

CASEMENT HERE ON SECRET TRIP FOR IRISH CAUSE

Bridgeport Entertained Irish Knight But Guard Details of His Visit.

With the execution of Sir Roger Casement at Pentonville Jail, yesterday, the fact that the Irish revolutionary visited Bridgeport a year ago, in the interests of Irish freedom, became known here.

Details of the Irish knight's visit to Bridgeport had been carefully guarded, for he came here on a secret mission. It was admitted, today, however, by the delegation of sympathizers in the cause of Irish freedom, who met him, that he really had visited Bridgeport, and took steps to foster here the spirit of sympathy for Irish oppression that has been the foundation of many Irish organizations.

Casement's visit to Bridgeport was brief. He spent less than two hours in the city. He was entertained by Attorney John J. Cullinan, William Clifford, Frederick C. Mullins, Col. T. J. Murphy, all of this city and William Mahoney, the postmaster at Westfield, Mass.

It was the plan of the Bridgeporters to bring Casement to Bridgeport to deliver a speech in the cause of Ireland. But the visitor, who before his arrival had exacted pledges of secrecy as to his coming, counselled against the plan. He said he believed his work for the cause of Ireland could be accomplished, just at that time, better by working privately than in public.

The Bridgeporters who took part in the conference, today admitted that Casement was here, but they would not go into detail as to the circumstances of his visit.

Wrecks His Auto Against Trolley Car; Is Arrested

Attempting to pass a trolley car on the left side shortly after noon today, Frank Slovensky, 24 years old of 95 Hancock avenue drove the delivery wagon of L. A. Vecsey, a Bostwick avenue plumber, head on into a trolley car running in the opposite direction on State street near Seelye street. His car was badly smashed. Slovensky was arrested by Policeman Buckley charged with reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETS
The housing committee of the Chamber of Commerce met in full session today to discuss further plans looking towards the construction of adequate facilities for residents of this city during the coming winter. The meeting was held behind closed doors and no report of the progress was made through the press.

Expense to People, Through Inefficiency of Health Department More than \$100,000 Says Sophian—No Doubt That Milk Caused Deaths, He Declares.

Bridgeport's epidemic of septic sore throat, the fear of which has been overshadowed by the infantile paralysis peril, has cost the people of the city more than \$100,000, according to Dr. Abraham Sophian, the expert who is fighting the poliomyelitis plague here.

At a meeting of the board of health this afternoon in the office of Mayor Wilson, Dr. Sophian asserted that the cost of the epidemic to the families that were afflicted, and to the taxpayers was tremendous.

"The abstract value on the lives of the patients that died, the cost incidental to death, the value to time lost by members of the family, the losses to business through illness, and the sudden placing of a burden on the city, all enter into the estimate," said Dr. Sophian.

"It may be \$100,000. It may be many times that amount, but it is tremendous at any rate."

Dr. Sophian said this expense was created by inefficiency. The work of inspecting milk and food, and of enforcing sanitation hasn't been entrusted to competent hands.

"There is no doubt that the septic sore throat is caused by milk," said Dr. Sophian.

The cost of treating patients with infantile paralysis is 100 times more now than Bridgeport should pay, according to the expert. This also, is due to lack of preparedness.

"The worst termed 'extraordinary measures' were adopted because of the sudden increase yesterday in the number of patients ill with poliomyelitis. Threats have been made that padlocks will be used, if necessary, to enforce quarantines."

This is the result of the discovery that several cases which have resulted in death are suspected to have originated from contact in play with children ill of the disease. Hill street, Washington avenue and Union avenue are particularly infected districts, residents of which have died of the malady.

The health department met this afternoon for the purpose of setting a date after which none but pasteurized milk may be sold in Bridgeport. Mayor Wilson halted action, however, when he said that a man calling himself a representative of the milk dealers called on him and said they are against the pasteurizing idea, since had been held by the Germans for more than a month, caused great elation in France. It is the fruit of French slow and methodical offensive began three days ago and seems, in the opinion of French military observers, to mark an epoch in the six

PLAGUE'S DEATH RECORD IN N. Y. OVER THOUSAND

Five Thousand Stricken, is Report—This State Has 172 Cases.

New York, Aug. 4.—More than 1,000 children of this city have died of infantile paralysis and nearly 5,000 have been stricken by the disease since the outbreak of the epidemic. The health department's bulletin today shows that the plague still continues to gain headway.

During the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m. today, 45 children died of the disease in the five boroughs of New York city, and 172 new cases, the second largest number in a single day were reported. Since June 26 there have been 4,650 cases, 150 of which proved fatal.

Important Position, Three Miles North of Verdun Fortress, is Scene of Bloody Engagements—Simultaneous Attacks on Two Sides Give French Advantage, Which is Lost Shortly Afterwards Before Counter Attack of Germans—Many Germans Are Taken Prisoners, French Claim.

Berlin, Aug. 4.—The village of Fleury, north of Verdun was regained by Germans this morning, it was officially announced today by the German army headquarters.

Paris, Aug. 4.—Attacking simultaneously from the northwest and from the southeast, French troops yesterday stormed the village of Fleury, three miles north of Verdun, and captured several hundred Germans.

In the evening, however, the Germans launched a furious counter attack and after several violent attempts succeeded in getting a footing in the southern part of the village.

The French today continue to hold the northern section of the place and heavy fighting still is in progress.

The official statement issued last night by the French war department, announcing the capture of Fleury by the French troops and recording other operations of the day along the western front, said:

"On the right bank of the Meuse our infantry, continuing their offensive action on the Thiaumont-Fleury front, captured during the day by a series of successive attacks all the trenches comprised between these two points as far as a point southeast of Thiaumont work and in the vicinity of Hill 320. The village of Fleury was attacked simultaneously on the northwest and on the southeast and was entirely occupied by our troops after a brilliant action. The number of prisoners taken in the course of this action and as far as counted exceeds 650. This brings up to 1,750 the total number of unaccounted prisoners taken by us on the right bank of the Meuse since August 1."

The text of the official statement given out this afternoon by the French war department, in which it is admitted that the Germans have succeeded in recapturing a portion of the village of Fleury, follows:

"On the right bank of the river Meuse the battle continued along the Thiaumont-Fleury front, which the Germans attacked all last night with great ferocity. Several counter attacks in large numbers upon our positions near the Thiaumont work were repulsed with heavy losses for our adversaries. In the course of the fighting our troops even occupied the Thiaumont work, but they were compelled subsequently to evacuate it under the powerful German bombardment. They brought back with them 80 prisoners."

"There has been fighting no less violent in the region of Fleury. The Germans multiplied the number of counter attacks upon this village. Each was preceded by an intense preparatory artillery fire. After several fruitless endeavors the Germans secured a footing in the southern part of Fleury, where very spirited fighting is still going on. All efforts made to dislodge us from the positions to the southeast of this village were checked by the resistance of our troops."

"The enemy attacked in like manner during the night our new positions to the east of Vaux-le-Chapelle. They succeeded only in suffering heavy losses. In the vicinity of Vaux-le-Chapelle and Chenols the artillery fighting has been very spirited."

Verdun again is in the center of the war stage. The recapture by the French of the village of Fleury, which had been held by the Germans for more than a month, caused great elation in France. It is the fruit of French slow and methodical offensive began three days ago and seems, in the opinion of French military observers, to mark an epoch in the six

BRITISH CLAIM GAINS

London, Aug. 4.—Minor operations last night by the British on the Somme front resulted in the gain for them of some ground west of Pozieres, the war office announced today.

RUSSIANS TAKE VILLAGE

Petrograd, Aug. 4.—Russian troops have captured the village of Rudka-Mirynskaya on the river Stavok, a left tributary of the Stokhod, it was Russian war department. Rudka-Mirynskaya is 19 miles east of Kovel.

Suez Canal Bombed

London, Aug. 4.—A bombardment (Continued on Page 2.)

WILSON INVESTIGATES POSSIBILITY OF GREAT STRIKE ON RAILROADS

Washington, Aug. 4.—Judge William L. Chamberlain, one of the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation, conferred with President Wilson today over the threatened strike of 400,000 railroad employees. They discussed every phase of the situation, but Judge Chambers told the President he believed there was nothing formal that the federal government could do until the railroad managers and the representatives of the employees met next week for counting of the strike vote.

Judge Chambers thinks the situation is not hopeless and that there is still a chance for the employers and employees to reach an agreement. The board of mediation and conciliation expects to be called in, should a break appear inevitable.

The Senate commerce committee today voted to table Senator Newland's resolution to direct the interstate commerce commission to investigate and report to Congress on wages and hours of service of each class of railroad employees, because action was deemed inadvisable pending mediation and arbitration of disputes between the railroads and their employees.